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Cc: R8 Documentation Unit Leader[R08_Documentation_Unit_Leader@epa.gov]
From: Tyler, Patti
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 5:14:50 PM
Subject: Re: timeline

Thanks Rebecca,

Yes, these requests are coming to me now as the AC LNO.

Thanks,

Patti

From: Russo, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:03 AM
To: Levine, Carolyn; Tyler, Patti
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Yes, I think they all go to Patti now. Looping her in.

Patti – 1 New Request and 1 Repeat:

Both from Senator Inhofe, SEPW Committee:

1. Pre-Spill Timeline: This is actually NEW. We have 2 timeline questions, neither is “pre-spill”, but I believe this is being worked on anyway by Incident Command.

NEW 3 part request: General Subject: Pre-Spill Timeline. 1. It also appears that EPA conducted borings and other investigations in 2010 before opening up Red and Bonita to reduce risk of a blow out – but it does not look like similar actions were taken at Gold King. Can you ask Steve Way what preliminary work they did at Gold King to make sure it was safe to open the portal? 2. It also appears that the issue of possible inter-connectivity between Red and Bonita and Gold King was known and the possibility of groundwater rising to discharge at Gold King was flagged. 3. It appears that EPA started work to open Gold King in 2014, and ran out of time in the construction season and decided to come back. *(Confirm this is the case).*

2. Also, we are getting pressed on an outstanding request that is already on there under the general subject Timeline. This should be prioritized today.

Steps taken post spill to notify tribes, states, and local governments.

Thanks!

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From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:26 AM
To: Russo, Rebecca
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Rebecca,

SEPW Committee (Chairman Inhofe staff) is asking again for the pre-spill timeline as well as the steps taken post spill to notify tribes, states, and local governments. These are the follow up Qs she sent again. Should I be routing "second requests" through Patti?

Pre-spill:

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construction season and decided to come back.

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